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**EIELSON AFB WOMAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
FOR EMBEZZLING OVER \$12K FROM BASE EXCHANGE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on January 20, 2009, Morgan L. Barker, of Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on a charge of embezzling over \$12,000 of funds belonging to the Base Exchange where she was employed.

The one-count indictment named Barker, age 20, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Barker stole the funds in transactions occurring during her employment at the Base Exchange. The offense took place over a period of nine months.

Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Cooper, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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